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106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1068

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include a definition of audiologist.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 10, 1999

Mr. WHITFIELD (for himself and Mr. BROWN of Ohio) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the "Medicaid Audiology
5 Act of 1999".

6 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF DEFINITION OF AUDIOLOGIST.**

7 Section 1905 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
8 1396d) is amended—



1 (1) in subsection (a)(13), by inserting "(includ-
2 ing by an audiologist, as defined in subsection (v))"
3 after "law"; and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following:

5 "(v) The term 'audiologist' means an individual with
6 a master's or doctoral degree in audiology who—

7 "(1) is licensed as an audiologist by the State
8 in which the individual furnishes such services; or

9 "(2) in the case of an individual who furnishes
10 services in a State which does not license audiol-
11 ogists, has successfully completed 350 clock hours of
12 supervised clinical practicum (or is in the process of
13 accumulating such supervised clinical experience),
14 performed not less than 9 months of supervised full-
15 time audiology services after obtaining a master's or
16 doctoral degree in audiology or a related field, and
17 successfully completed a national examination in
18 audiology approved by the Secretary."

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